

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, November 14, 2011, 3:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Benjamin K. Mallicote

(arrived after roll call at 4:28 p.m.)

Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

(arrived after roll call at 4:08 p.m.)

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:37 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.

3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips asked if the broken concrete was being addressed at the Netherland Inn Roundabout. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds stated yes and further explained the problem was either a result of design, material or workmanship with the rolled curb. He further noted we are waiting on the results of a study by S&ME before pursuing a remedy.

4. **2013 CIP PRESENTATION.** City Manager Campbell gave a power point presentation highlighting the proposed capital projects for the next five years and the distribution of funding by selling bonds. Mr. Campbell stated these periodical reviews ensured good long-term planning and financial responsibility. There was considerable discussion as Mr. Campbell answered questions from the Board members regarding the priority of projects and the overall debt for the city. Mayor Phillips noted that debt, as a percentage of income is the important thing to keep in mind. Specific projects were discussed in an effort to decide what was absolutely necessary. Alderman Joh stated she would like to see money earmarked for the carousel project for 2013. Mayor Phillips expressed concern for the designated stormwater funds in light of the new tax, noting it would be difficult to explain to the citizens.

**NOTE:** *At this time, Mayor Phillips temporarily adjourned the meeting to take a brief break. To accommodate citizens in the audience, Item VI.B.3 was addressed, out of order, at 6:10 p.m. when the meeting resumed. Immediately following this discussion, Items VI.B.1 and VI.D.2 were addressed before resuming with the listed agenda.*

5. **UPDATE ON THE RECYCLING PROGRAM.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds discussed this item, stating the contract with Tri-City Waste Paper is up with no renewals and pointing out now would be a good time to transition. Mr. McReynolds provided a history of the recycling program in Kingsport, noting the desire to move to a single stream

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process. He further cited the many benefits of making this transition, which included the need for less people and the fact it is much easier on the employees. Tri City Waste Paper does not currently use this process and Streets and Sanitation Manager Ronnie Hammonds stated they wouldn't for several years. The closest and most inexpensive company is Rock Tenn out of Knoxville. Alderman Mallicote asked if we had considered the option of putting everything – trash and recyclables – into the same container. Mr. McReynolds explained it would be hard to turn the money around quickly but he would look into it.

**6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

**VI.B.1 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY12 General Purpose School Fund Budget and the General Projects Fund Budget (AF: 284-2011).** Alderman Segelhorst questioned Kingsport City Schools Director of Finance David Frye about the equipment being purchased. Mr. Frye described the audio/video screens and high quality projectors that will be placed in the large meeting room of the new central office facility.

**VI.B.3 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City Code to Include Provisions Pertaining to Certain Synthetic Drugs (AF: 310-2011).** Mayor Phillips asked City Attorney Billingsley to explain this proposed ordinance, stating it addresses a very serious problem affecting young people regarding synthetic marijuana and bath salts. Mr. Billingsley discussed the Tennessee state law that prohibits certain chemical substances in these products. He commented that the Virginia state law is a little stricter, as it is not specific to certain chemical compounds, but rather includes any item that causes similar reactions. Mr. Billingsley stated the city ordinance is basically the same as Virginia's, but broader to include more schedules of drugs in an effort to regulate the gap between what the state intended and what the manufacturers are producing. He pointed out this offense is civil in Tennessee, whereas it is criminal in Virginia and further stated that due to the health issues, side effects and associated deaths, he hopes the state will take a harder look this year and make a more proactive ban.

Mayor Phillips asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on this issue. Ms. Allison McCaffrey from Bristol, Tennessee stated she was the coordinator for the Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition. She spoke in favor of this ordinance, citing statistics for these drug cases and commenting on the lack of involvement from the state legislature. Mr. Todd Cartwright, Abingdon, Virginia spoke against this ordinance, noting he was a retailer of this product but not in Kingsport. Mr. Joshua Stanton, Scott County, Virginia, spoke against this ordinance as well; also noting he was a partner in retail for these products. Mr. Stanton refused to answer questions from the Board members about his business.

Mayor Phillips then read some statistics that depicted a significant increase in the use of these products since last year in Kingsport City Schools. Fire Chief Craig Dye commented on several cases that emergency personnel have responded involving these products, noting that many victims are kids and combative patients.

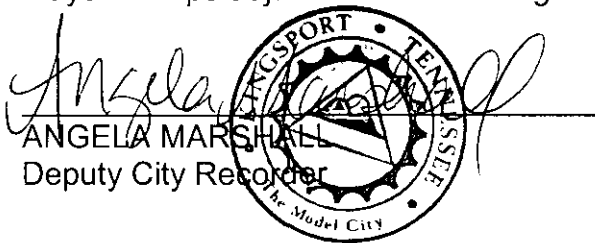
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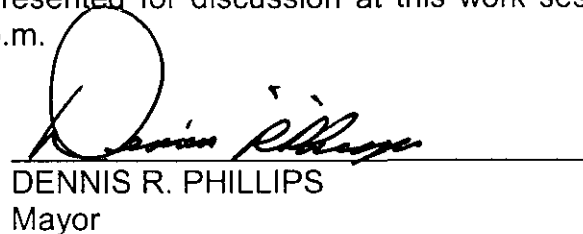
**VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to CDW-Government for the Purchase of Network Switches for the New Kingsport City Schools Central Office (AF: 304-2011).** Kingsport City Schools Director of Finance David Frye confirmed for Alderman Joh this purchase was necessary for the phone system. Technology Director John Payne then explained to the Board the many benefits of the new technology.

**BOARD COMMENT.** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

**7. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor